Constitution of Medical Boards in hospitals

†4845. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Medical Board in the Government hospitals for the convenience of handicapped persons and for post-mortem;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue instructions for constitution of Medical Boards in all Government hospitals without any delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. In so far as Central Government are concerned such Medical Boards already exist in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Use of medicinal plants

4846. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has devised adequate provisions to encourage sustainable use of medicinal plants and attach conservation values to them so that Ayurvedic System is strengthened;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provisions are sufficient to protect this system of alternative medicine from world-wide companies patenting their drug development schemes based on traditional systems of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Medicinal Plants Board has been set up to ensure availability of medicinal plants used in Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, and coordinate all matters relating to their conservation and development.

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